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1. "In October 1952 extensive work started on enlarging the junction of Tapa on the Tallin -Leningrad railway line. The following projects are scheduled for completion by 1955:
 - a. New shed for 12 locomotives.
 - b. Locomotive repair shop with three departments: repairs, washing, furnace.
 - c. Railroad car repair shop.
 - d. Storage depots for engine and railroad car equipment.
 - e. Storage depots for fuel (oil, coal and oil shale), water and sand. Modern refueling equipment.
 - f. Storage depot for ties and rails.
 - g. New housing for 24 engine brigades.
 - h. Club building and canteen for railway workers.

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2. "According to an order of the MVD of the Estonian SSR, issued in February 1953, the following automobile roads of the republic are to be 'reinforced' during the road-building season of 1953:

- a. Tallin - Narva
- b. Tallin - Rannamoisa - Joa - Klooga - Paldiski (new military road)
- c. Tallin - Arudevahe-Riste-Haapsalu
- d. Tallin - Risti-Virtsu
- e. Tallin - Arudevahe-Parnu
- f. Tallin - Paide-Poltsamaa-Tartu-Voru-Pankjavitse

Karelo-Finnish SSR

3. "A new 'normal' one-track railway line is under construction [summer 1953] in the Karelo-Finnish SSR from Medvezhegorsk on the Leningrad-Murmansk line northwest toward the Finnish frontier at Lieksa. It is constructed to carry heavy traffic. The purpose seems purely strategic. The station of Medvezhegorsk is connected by a 'normal' one-track railway line with the port of Povenets at the entrance to the Baltic-White Sea Canal.
4. "There is normal traffic on the railway line Lodeinoie - Pole - Olonets - Salmi - Pitkaranta - Loimala.
5. "The Leningrad-Murmansk railway is being continued north of Murmansk. On 1 May 53 heavy trains travelled from Murmansk to Vaenga and to Antonovka opposite the military base of Poliarnoie. The extension thus links the Vaenga naval base with the Leningrad-Murmansk railway line.
6. "By 20 May 53 all 'constructions' at Poliarnoie, the former naval base of the Northern Fleet, had been transferred to the new base at Vaenga. The repair yards of the Northern Fleet are also now at Vaenga. The chief of these yards is Captain of the Second Rank (fnu) Zakharov."

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